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72 pieces of large and 976 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and thirty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On February 23, the steamship *Neustria*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 888 steerage passengers and 54 pieces of large and 1,225 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and fifty eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On February 26, the Italian steamship *Sicilia*, bound with cargo via Messina for New Orleans, La.

On February 27, the steamship *California*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed, 1,149 steerage passengers and 44 pieces of large and 1,157 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Reports from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, February 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended February 23: From yellow fever and smallpox there were no deaths, only 2 cases being reported from yellow fever and none from smallpox. There were 29 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Quarantine against Cape Town, Africa, on account of plague.

AMSTERDAM, February 16, 1901.

SIR: The minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands has declared Cape Town to be infected with pest, and has fixed the quarantine, in accordance with article 8 of the law of March 28, 1877, at ten days.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.

MANILA, P. I., January 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1 fatal case of plague, in a Filipino, occurred in Manila during the week ended January 12, 1901. During the same period there were 4 cases of smallpox, with no deaths reported. The total number of deaths from all causes during the week was 180.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., January 23, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1 fatal case of plague, in a Chinese, occurred in Manila during the week ended January 19, 1901. No smallpox was reported during the week. The total number of deaths from all causes during this period was 145.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Precautions against the entrance of cholera from Singapore.

MANILA, P. I., January 15, 1901.

SIR: Further reporting concerning cholera in Singapore, I have the honor to inform you that the number of cases shows a slight diminution for the week ended December 29, 1900. During this period 29 cases with 26 deaths were reported.

The disease so far has been confined to the Chinese and native population, and no cases have appeared in the European quarters of the city.

Every precaution is taken at this port to prevent its introduction; baggage of the few steerage passengers is disinfected, and the crews of ships are not allowed on shore. However, it has been necessary to reject many thousand old gunnies. I have refused the landing of these and they have been returned to Singapore.

The consul-general at Singapore has promised to keep me informed of the progress of the mild epidemic, and to enforce the regulations suggested as far as practicable.

I have also to report the occurrence of 1 case of plague in Singapore on the 24th ultimo. This occurred among some coolies landed from Hongkong.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Cholera, plague, and beriberi at Singapore.

MANILA, P. I., January 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your information the following, extracted from the mortality report of Singapore for the month of December, 1900:

Cholera, 116—104 males and 12 females; bubonic plague, 1; smallpox, 3; dysentery, 26; diarrhea, 44; beriberi, 136, and from fever, 209. The total number of deaths from all causes for the month was 1,026.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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